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In the Application of)
Ernst Markart)
for TEST STRIP SYSTEM)
Serial No: *Not yet assigned*)
Filed On: *Herewith*) Our Docket No.: 3597-13-1

Hartford, Connecticut, January 10, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, before the "Field of the Invention", please add the following new
paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of pending Application
Serial No. 09/218,327, filed on December 22, 1998.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-10, 18 and 21.

REMARKS

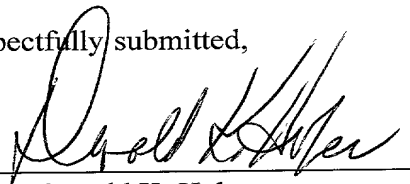
A marked-up version of page 1 of the application showing the amendment made to that page is enclosed.

The above amendments are being made to cancel from this application those claims which were elected for prosecution in parent application Serial No. 09/218,327 in response to a requirement for restriction.

Any fee required by the filing of this amendment may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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